

Peter Raises Tabitha From the Dead

Acts 9:36-43

Bible Truth Sleuth

LESSON 8

BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

Everyone in Joppa loved Tabitha. She was a kind woman who did good things for others and helped the poor. When she became sick and died, the people were very sad.

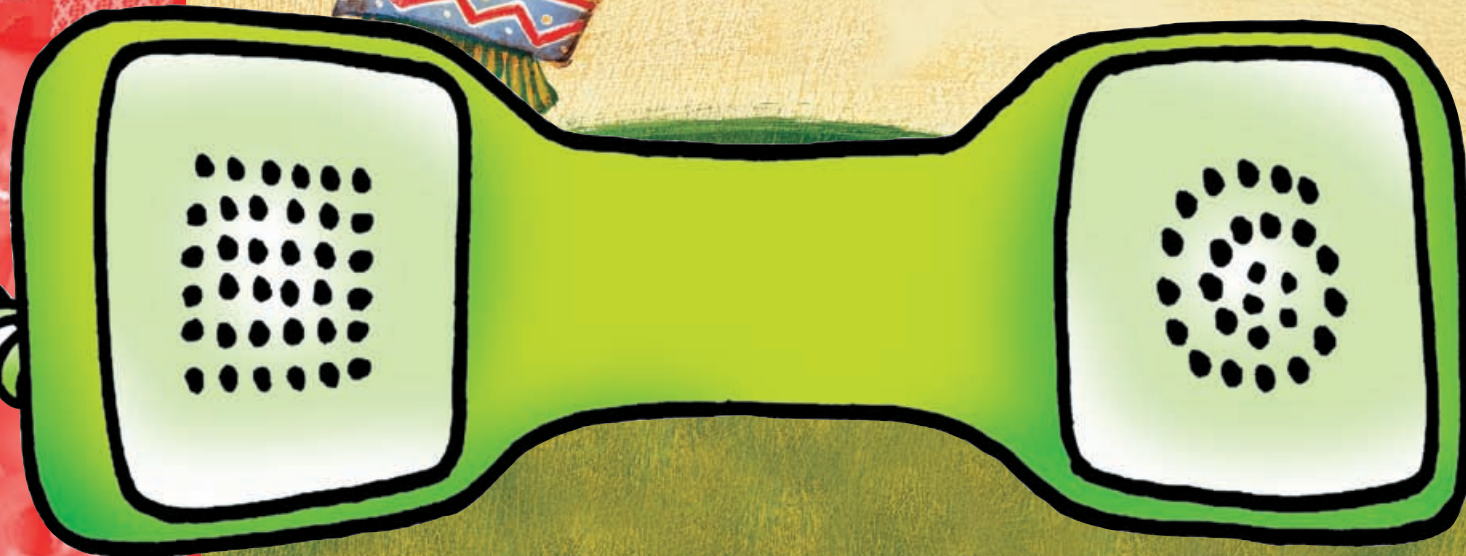
Hearing that Peter was nearby, the people of Joppa sent for him. Peter found Tabitha's body in an upstairs room. Crying women showed him several articles of clothing that Tabitha had made for them.

Peter knew just what to do. He got down on his knees and prayed, and then he told Tabitha to get up. That's just what she did! God heard and answered Peter's prayer. After that, many people believed in and followed our loving God.

Bible Point: God answers when we pray.

Key Verse: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16b).

Hello, God?



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Psalm 6:9

What cry for mercy has the Lord heard from you?

TUESDAY Luke 6:28

Who has mistreated you, and how can you pray for them?

WEDNESDAY Philippians 4:6

What are you anxious about? Why not present it to God right now?

THURSDAY Mark 11:24-25

Who do you need to forgive? What does God need to forgive you for?

FRIDAY Psalm 55:16-17

When *can* you pray? When *do* you pray? Why not make a commitment to set aside time every day to pray?

SATURDAY Psalm 18:3

What can you praise God for today?

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Pray and thank God for always answering when you pray.
- Tell a friend or parent a time when you knew God answered your prayer.
- Practice listening to others this week. If God is always listening, we should listen too!



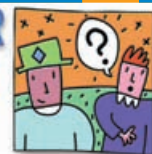
Answered Call

Sit in a circle on the floor, and have a cell phone handy. Pass the phone around the circle, and as each family member receives it, he or she will share a prayer God has answered. That person will then say the Bible Point, "God answers when we pray," and pass the phone to the next family member.

PARENT STUMPER

Q: What was Tabitha's other name?

A: She was also known as Dorcas.



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